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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to submit my position on the Microsoft antitrust case.

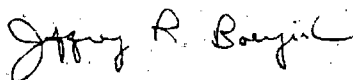
There was no outcry from taxpayers for action in this case. Rather, competitors implored the federal government to make sweeping regulatory decisions picking winners over losers in the market.

Iowa attorney general alone spent more than 3,000 hours working on this landmark antitrust case filing a federal court document asking for \$1.1 million to reimburse the state for the time. Altogether, 19 states tendered a \$13 million tab from lawsuit expenses and it has been estimated that the federal government spent some \$30 million.

Nine of the states, the Department of Justice, and Microsoft saw fit to settle. There are many more important issues facing America and taxpayers deserve to have their funds utilized in a responsible manner, which best serves them. With a fiercely competitive technology industry Microsoft, like any business or individual, should be afforded economic freedom.

I urge you to deliver closure for taxpayers in this case and support the proposed settlement.

Cordially,



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